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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5756-N-34]

## **60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:**

## **Application for FHA Insured Mortgages**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner,

HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE

OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at <a href="mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov">Colette.Pollard@hud.gov</a> for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia McClung, Office of Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 204 402-4378. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Colette Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

## A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection</u>: Emergency Homeownership Loan Program – Data Requirements.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0597.

Type of Request: Extension.

<u>Form Number</u>: HUD-96020, HUD-96021a, HUD-96021b, HUD-96022, HUD-96023a, HUD-96023b, HUD-96024, HUD-96023, HUD-96025a, HUD-96025b, HUD-96026.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This information collection is necessary to determine applicant eligibility to receive mortgage relief assistance under the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program. This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, an information collection package with respect to implementing the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program targeted to borrowers facing foreclosure.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-203, approved July 21, 2010, Sec 1496) appropriated \$1billion to HUD to establish an

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Emergency Homeowner's Relief Fund, pursuant to section 107 of the Emergency Housing Act

of 1975, that will provide emergency mortgage assistance to homeowners that are at risk of

foreclosure due to involuntary unemployment or underemployment due to an adverse economic

or medical condition. Accordingly, HUD is implementing the Emergency Homeowners Loan

Program (EHLP) that is designed to offer a declining balance, deferred payment "bridge loan"

(non-recourse, subordinate loan with zero interest) for up to \$50,000 to assist eligible

homeowners with payments of arrearages, including delinquent taxes and insurance.

Additionally, EHLP may be used to assist eligible homeowners with up to 24 months of monthly

payments on their mortgage principal, interest, mortgage insurance premiums, taxes, and hazard

insurance. Assistance will not exceed \$50,000 per eligible homeowner.

HUD will use two approaches to implement EHLP: (1) provide allocations to States that

currently have substantially similar programs to administer their mortgage relief funds directly;

and (2) delegate key administrative functions to third party entities that will assist HUD with

program implementation. The third party entities will be primarily responsible for application

intake, eligibility screening, funds control, payment distribution, and note processing.

Homeowners' (borrowers') participation in the program is voluntary. However, to help

determine eligibility for assistance borrowers must submit the required application information

and loan documentation to demonstrate that they meet program eligibility guidelines to receive

mortgage relief assistance through EHLP.

Respondents: Application for benefits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 36,264.

Estimated Number of Responses:

244,520.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Average Hours per Response: 3.

Total Estimated Burdens: 229,304.

**B.** Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties

concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following: (1) Whether

the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions

of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are

to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other

forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**C. Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

**Dated:** August 26, 2014.

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